Procurement of Oxytetracycline and Tetracycline

1374. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of Oxytetracycline and Tetracycline have been procured by M/s Pfizer and M/s Hoechst respectively at the price lower than the notified-prices;

(b) what is the quantity and price of procurement by each party during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that none of these parties approached the Government for reduction in prices, if so, why the formulation prices were not fixed based on the average procurement price rather than the notified price plus 8 percent incidentals;

(d) what is the present position and since when under profit is being made by these companies;

(e) whether it is a fact that national fixation of prices of formulations is leading to Government conniving with the producers to overcharge the consumers; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that this is leading to black mony being generated by drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) The details will be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pathology Laboratory of Air India

1375. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Pathology Laboratory of Air India at its clinic at Santa Cruz, Bombay, fully equipped with autoanalyzer and other Sophisticated instruments;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pathological specimen of Air India employees at Sahar Complex are being analysed at a private laboratory;

(c) what are the reasons for the tests not being done at Air India's laboratory at Santa Cruz; and

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred by Air India during 1992-93 on the services rendered by the private laboratory and to what extent the arrangement is proved to be cost effective?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Pathology laboratory at Medical Services Unit, Old Airport, Bombay is equipped to give pathological support required in day to day clinical setting. The autoanalyzer facility has been commissioned only recently and as such pathological specimens of Air India employees at Sahar Complex used to be analysed at a private laboratory which used to collect the samples from Air India premises.

(d) The expenditure incurred by Air India during 1992-93 on Services rendered by the private laboratory was to the tune of Rs. 3.80 lakhs. This arrangement has helped Air India avoid loss of man-hours. It is difficult to calculate the cost effectiveness of this arrangement due to interplay of various tangible and intangible factors.